

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 540  
By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to confirm the appointment of Dr. Melvin Wright,  
Sr. to the State Board of Education.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides for an  
administrative board to be known as the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that the Governor  
shall appoint certain board members; and

WHEREAS, Governor Don Sundquist has appointed Dr. Melvin Wright, Sr. of Jackson,  
Tennessee to the State Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, Melvin Wright received his B.S. in Biochemistry from Tennessee State  
University and D.D.S. degree from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry; Dr. Wright was  
awarded a Honorary Doctor of Humanities from Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee in 1988;  
and

WHEREAS, answering the call to military service, Dr. Wright served valiantly with the  
U.S. Army for five years as a member of the Dental Corps; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Wright has given unselfishly of  
himself, his time and his talents to perpetuate the public good; a remarkable public servant, Dr.  
Wright has served on the boards of Jackson National Bank, Volunteer Bank, the Boys and Girls  
Clubs of Jackson, the YMCA, the United Way of West Tennessee, The Jackson Symphony

Association, the American Red Cross and the West Tennessee Council of Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright has also given unreservedly of himself to the Lane College Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee of the Jackson Madison County NAACP, the Board of Trustees of Western Mental Health Institute, and the Advisory Committee for The Vocational Technical School of Madison County; he is past president of Goals for Jackson and the Jackson Madison County Area Chamber of Commerce and was elected by the City Council of Jackson to serve an unexpired term for Council District 2; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wright has been the recipient of a number of distinguished awards and accolades, of which even a brief list is inspiring: the Lane College Meritorious Award, Mason of the Year, the TDA Distinguished Fellowship Service Award, the State of Tennessee Distinguished Service Award, the Jackson Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Service Award and Tennessee State University's Outstanding Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Melvin Wright is a man of integrity, and an active citizen who has always sought to serve the common good; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-1-301, provides that each member appointed by the Governor to the State Board of Education shall be subject to confirmation by resolution of both Houses of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body does hereby confirm the appointment of Dr. Melvin Wright, Sr. of Jackson, Tennessee, to the State Board of Education.

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